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Subject: End of Day -- February 18, 2015

MEDIA

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Greenwire: Reporter Debra Kahn called about the Army Corps of Engineers' pending Clean Water Act jurisdictional decision on Cargill "Saltworks." Sent desk statement. WTR. CLOSED. (v) Suzanne Skadowski

San Mateo Daily Journal, Feb. 18, 2015: [Federal decision could give Cargill new life: Jurisdiction over Saltworks site could pave way for development](#)

Associated Press: Reporter Alicia Chang wanted to know if EPA had been sent out to the explosion at Exxon in Torrance. Confirmed deployment of OSC, but referred her to Torrance Fire. SFUND. CLOSED. (v) Nahal Mogharabi.

The following media have confirmed for tomorrow's event with CBP and Jared:

- **ABC 7 TV:** Will Send a crew. ENF. CLOSED. (v) Nahal Mogharabi.
- **CBS/KCAL:** Will Send a crew. ENF. CLOSED. (v) Nahal Mogharabi.
- **NBC Channel 4:** Will Send a crew. ENF. CLOSED. (v) Nahal Mogharabi.
- **KMEX-TV 34 (Local Univision):** Will send a crew. ENF. CLOSED. (v) Nahal Mogharabi.
- **KVEA- TV 52 (Local Telemundo):** Will send a crew. ENF. CLOSED. (v) Nahal Mogharabi.
- **Mundo Fox 22:** Will send a crew. ENF. CLOSED. (v) Nahal Mogharabi.
- **Los Angeles Times:** Reporter Tony Barboza will be there. ENF. CLOSED. (v) Nahal Mogharabi.
- **KPCC:** Reporter Jed Kim is interested and is checking with his editor. ENF. CLOSED. (v) Nahal Mogharabi.

Honolulu Star Advertiser – Reporter Tim Hurley emailed Matt Salazar about possible investigations into HC&S and or cane burning on Maui and assisted Matt by calling the reporter to let him know we cannot comment on investigations, nor the nature of any investigations. CLOSED, Dean Higuchi

Isabelle Trocheris – Freelance writer looking for background on EPA's marine debris program and in particular marine plastic pollution and seafood safety. Anna-Marie Cook spoke to the freelancer and provided information to the reporter. CLOSED Dean Higuchi

WEB

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Social Media:

Air Monitoring Abroad – At the request of headquarters, shared a [photo of Administrator Gina McCarthy and Secretary John Kerry](#) on our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages, and noted that EPA and the State Department will be working together to set up air monitors at our embassies and missions. The air monitors will help us keep our embassy staff safe and help us collaborate with other nations to address climate change.

Web Updates:

Tribal RTOC – Posted new information and documents about the upcoming elections to the [Tribal RTOC website](#).

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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EPA GRO Internship Interview: Brent Maier and Steven Leonido-John along with EPA GRO Intern Program Leader, Jane Koska, held an interview with a prospective intern from Claremont-McKenna University. Following the completion of all of the interviews with various Federal Agencies, interns will rank their interest for placements. We will have one additional prospective internship candidate for OPA's internship offer that is yet to be scheduled. Final decisions on GRO Internship placements are a month or more away.

Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33): Brent Maier was contacted by Joey Apodaca in Congressman Lieu's Los Angeles District Office who was interested in any EPA involvement at the ExxonMobil Refinery incident in Torrance, CA. Brent shared with Mr. Apodaca a summary update from Daniel Meer in our Emergency Response, Preparedness and Prevention Branch that provided an incident overview and incident summary for the ExxonMobil Refinery incident. As to EPA Emergency Response involvement, the summary notes that EPA Emergency Response deployed a Federal On-Scene Coordinator to the incident to check in with Unified Command to determine if EPA support was needed, but no EPA support was requested. Brent invited Mr. Apodaca to let us know if he had any further questions or needed any additional information.

Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2): A call was held with Logan Feree, Senior Legislative Assistant with Congressman Jared Huffman's DC office to discuss the UIC issue and his interest in better understanding the following regarding the California UIC issue: "how these injections can continue in some cases if the state permits were issued in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act..." Water Division's David Albright and Mike Montgomery along with Brent Maier and Suzanne Skadowski participated. Mike and David provided an update on the current status and responded to a number of questions raised about the state permits process and the ongoing evaluation of the States program.

Congressional Outreach on Port of Long Beach Event: Brent Maier shared today's media advisory with Congressional staff in the Los Angeles area including Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and Representatives Janice Hahn, Alan Lowenthal, Ted Lieu, Loretta Sanchez, Lucille Roybal-Allard, and Maxine Waters regarding the Thursday event in which RA Jared Blumenfeld will join the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to announce the conclusion of a 90 day pilot partnership that resulted in more than 730 items being seized or exported out of the country for violating federal standards, resulting in a significant reduction of harmful air emissions from polluting the United States. Brent did not receive any interest in Congressional staff attendance.

Rep. Janice Hahn (D-CA-44): Today, Rep. Janice Hahn announced that she will not seek re-election next year, opting instead to run for an open seat on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Hahn issued a statement to the Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call today stating that she will back state Sen. Isadore Hall (D), a former state assemblyman who recently won a special election to the state Senate.